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Mr. Elmer Biles
6315 Indian Head Highway
Indian Head, MD 20640

Dear Mr. Biles:

Thank you for taking the time to review the Final Feasibility Study Report for Installation Restoration (IR) Site 42 of December 2003, the final Remedial Investigation Report for Site 47 of December 2004, and the Final Site Screening Assessment Report for Site 5 of December 2003.

Your letter of April 6, 2004, which is enclosed, has only the following comment that warrants a response:

"Site 42 - I would like confirmation that as a result of the change in the recommended resolution of site 42 that none of the waste to be removed will be relocated to other areas within the base at either Indian Head or Stump Neck."

You can be assured that any waste (metal, concrete, etc.) that is removed from any site on our Activity will not be relocated anywhere on-site, unless it is being stockpiled for removal and disposal. Typically, this type of waste is not stockpiled, but placed directly in dumpsters while awaiting transportation to a disposal facility. Only disposal facilities, such as landfills, that are permitted through the State of Maryland or the EPA can accept this type of waste. We have no such landfill at our Activity.

Please note that contaminated soil, however, is not necessarily considered waste. As long as the soil does not pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment, i.e., if the level of contamination in the soil doesn't exceed EPA Risk-Based Concentrations or other screening values, it may be relocated elsewhere on-site. The soil that we plan to remove from Site 42 will be screened to remove waste (metal, concrete, other debris, etc.) contained within it. This waste will be sent off-site to a permitted landfill. The soil, if it is not determined to be a hazardous waste as defined under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), will be returned to the site and will be covered by the engineered cap.

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If you have any additional comments or questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Shawn Jorgensen on (301) 744-2263.

Sincerely,

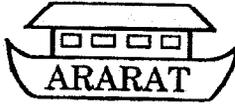


SCOTT BOHNHOFF
Director, Environmental
NDW, Indian Head
By direction of the Commander

Encl:

- (1) E. Biles' ltr of 6 Apr 04 on Final FS Report for Site 42 of Dec 03, Final RI Report for Site 47 of Dec 03, and Final SSA Report for Site 5 of Dec 03

Copy to:
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6315 Indian Head Highway
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Captain T. L. Honey
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April 6, 2004

- RE: 1. Final Feasibility Study Report for IR Site 42—Olsen Road Landfill of December 2003.
2. Final RI Report for Site 47—Mercuric Nitrate Disposal Area of December 2003
3. Final Site Screening Assessment (SSA) Report for Site 5 of December 2003

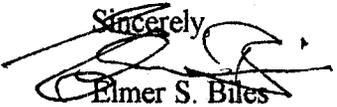
Dear Captain Honey:

This is in reply to the request for comments in your letter to me of February 9, 2004 relative to the above referenced subjects.

1. Site 42--I would like confirmation that as a result of the change in the recommended resolution of site 42 that none of the waste to be removed will be relocated to other areas within the base at either Indian Head or Stump Neck.
2. I have no comments at this time for the reports for either sites 47 or site 5.

Thank you for the opportunity of commenting.

Sincerely,



Elmer S. Biles

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